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SUBJ: COPPER TSS

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1. WE BELIEVE THAT VIENNA SECTION OF COPPER TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED IT PURPOSE.
 2. ADVANCE OFFICER CHRISTINE LUCYK DID ADMIRABLE JOB IN TYING UP MANY LOOSE ENDS IN PLANNING SUBJECT EVENT WHICH APPARENTLY RESULTED FROM UNEXPECTED DEPARTURE FROM BEWT OF PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED ADVANCE OFFICER. DURING HER STAY IN VIENNA MISS LUCYK WAS ABLE WITH ASSISTANCE OF EWTDO TO SEE THAT LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN HOTEL RESERVATIONS, TRAVEL SCHEDULES, COMPOSITION OF TSS AND OTHER IMPORTATNT DETAILS WERE TAKEN CARE OF.
 3. PRINTING OF BROCHURE AND REPRODUCTION OF SEMINAR PAPERS WERE PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME MATTERS BECAUSE LEAD TIME WAS LESS THAN MINIMUM NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH TASKS IN TIMELY FASHION. FOR EXAMPLE, WE RECEIVED TRANSLATED MATERIAL FOR PHOTO-OFFSET PRINTING OF BROCHURE ON NOV 25 AND SENT THEM TO PRINTER
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SAME DAY. JOB WAS DELIVERED TO EWTDO BY PRINTER ON NOV 28.

4. REPRODUCTION OF SEMINAR PAPERS WAS MOST SERIOUS SUPPORT PROBLEM. EWTDO WAS NOT ASKED TO REPRODUCE TECHNICAL PAPERS FOR SUBJECT TSS FOR USE IN KATOWICE UNTIL FRIDAY NOV 29. SIZE OF JOB (3,546 PAGES) EXCEEDED CAPACITY OF EWTDO COPYING MACHINE. IT BROKE DOWN AND COULD NOT BE REPAIRED FOR REMAINDER OF DAY. JOB WAS COMPLETED DEC 1 WITH ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL COPIER SUBSIDIARY. POUCH SCHEDULES DID NOT PERMIT DIRECT SHIPMENT OF MATERIALS TO WARSAW IN TIME FOR USE AT KATOWICE. ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS WE SENT THEM BY COURIER POUCH TO PRAGUE ON DEC 2 FOR ADVANCE OFFICER LUCYK WHO GAVE THEM TO PARTICIPANTS FOR HAND CARRYING TO KATOWICE.

5. RECEPTION AT HOME OF EWTDO DIRECTOR WAS ATTENDED BY 40 AUSTRIANS AND AMERICANS AND ENABLED TSS MEMBERS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER IN SOCIAL SETTING. AS IT WAS SATURDAY EVENING FEW AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS ACCEPTED INVITATION. FOR FUTURE TSS PLANNING WE SUGGEST THAT SMALLER BUFFET SUPPER COULD SERVE SAME PURPOSE AT LESS EXPENDITURE OF HOSPITALITY FUNDS.

6. BRIEFINGS AND RUNTHROUGH OF PRESENTATIONS WAS DONE AT EWTDO ON SUNDAY NOV 20. SEMINAR MEMBERS MADE CHANGES IN SLIDE PRESENTATIONS TO FIT TALKS INTO GIVEN TIME FRAME AND ACCOMMODATE SUGGESTIONS MADE TO ADVANCE OFFICER LUCYK DURING HER ADVANCE TRIP.

7. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY WARSAW COMMENTS THAT MORE LEAD TIME IS NEEDED FOR PRINTING AND REPRODUCING SEMINAR MATERIALS THAN WAS CASE WITH SUBJECT TSS. WE DO NOT THINK HOWEVER THAT VERBATIM SEMINAR PAPERS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE PRESENTATION AS THIS LIMITS SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS TO PRINTED TEXT AND MAY EVEN DIMINISH ATTENDANCE AT SEMINARS.

WE THINK BEST RESULTS ARE ACHIEVED BY DISTRIBUTING ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS TRANSLATED INTO LOCAL LANGUAGE FOR DISTRIBUTION DURING PRE-SEMINAR PROMOTION STAGE. THIS PERMITS SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY TO MODIFY PRESENTATIONS DURING SEMINARS.MEEHAN

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